

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A transfer and insulation device comprising a transfer portion and an insulation portion, wherein said device is one single piece and wherein the insulation portion is attached to an electrode ~~for electrically insulating electrodes, used in the electrolytic cleaning of metals, from each other in an electrolytic tank, for distributing the electrodes as they are hanging in the electrolytic tank and for enabling the electrodes to be transferred,~~ the transfer and insulation device being made of one single piece.
2. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The transfer and insulation device according to claim 1, wherein the transfer and insulation device is made of a chemically resistant and insulating material.
3. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The transfer and insulation device according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2 wherein the transfer and insulation device is made of plastic.
4. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The transfer and insulation device according to claim 1 wherein the transfer and insulation device is attached to both ends of a suspension rod of ~~an anode the electrode one on both sides of the anode and said devices are each~~ essentially at an equal distance from the wall of ~~[[the]]~~ an electrolytic tank.
5. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The transfer and insulation device according to claim 4, wherein the ~~anode electrode~~ suspension rod has a fastening point for fastening the transfer and insulation device.
6. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The transfer and insulation device according to claim 4 wherein the transfer and insulation device surrounds part of the ~~anode electrode~~ suspension rod.
7. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The transfer and insulation device according to claim 4, wherein the transfer and insulation device only extends over a part of the width of the ~~anode electrode~~.
8. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The transfer and insulation device according to claim 4, wherein the transfer and insulation device is provided with a grip lug for enabling the electrode to be transferred.

9. (Currently amended) [[A]] The transfer and insulation device according to claim 8, wherein the device is arranged in the suspension rod of the ~~anode~~ electrode so that the grip lug extends towards the middle part of the ~~anode~~ electrode.
10. (Currently amended) [[A]] The transfer and insulation device according to claim 8 wherein the grip lug is provided with an inclined part for adjusting the position of the gripping hooks transferring the electrode.
11. (Currently amended) [[A]] The transfer and insulation device according to claim 1, wherein the transfer and insulation device includes a distribution element for insulating adjacent electrodes from each other.
12. (New) The transfer and insulation device according to any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein the electrode is an anode.